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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 September 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 and 20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-8508)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8/14/07
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Inventor's Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.
2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: Subheadings are missing.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

3. Claims 1-18 and 20 are objected to because of the following informalities:
 - Claim 1, line 6: The last occurrence of "a" should be changed to -- the --.
 - Claim 6, line 2: The last occurrence of "a" should be changed to -- the --.
 - Claim 10, line 4: The last occurrence of "a" should be changed to -- the --.
 - Claim 14, line 6: "a" should be changed to -- the --.
 - Claim 16, line 3: "a" should be changed to -- the --.
 - Claims 2-17 and 20: the first occurrence of "Apparatus" should be changed to -- The apparatus --.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-18 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Helot et al. (6264488).

Helot (Figures 1-10C) shows a computer docking apparatus comprising a cradle member 40, a base member 36, an electrical contactor assembly 50 attached to the base member engaging a corresponding terminal 30 on a portable computer 10, adjustment means 54 to allow the cradle member to be in a first position and a second position relative to the base member such that the computer can be inserted or removed from the cradle in the first position. The adjustment means comprises a mechanical means of a pivotal connection. The base member comprises an under-side tray with locking means 83. The cradle member has alignment means 52 inside the cradle member for aligning the electrical contactor assembly with the computer terminal. The cradle has a main outer body and a plastic insert. The alignment means include an aperture 62 in the insert member. The electrical contactor assembly comprises a slide mount and is biased towards the computer terminal by a biasing spring (see Figure 8). The cradle member can be fixed so that the base member moves relative to the cradle member or vice versa. The apparatus allows or prevents a portable computer by means of a high security lock 83. The computer terminal is underside of the computer. The apparatus could be used in a vehicle.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See PTO-892 attached.

Contact Information

7. Any correspondence to this action may be mailed to:

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chandrika Prasad whose telephone number is (571) 272-2099.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor can be reached at (571) 272-2800 ext 39. The fax number is 571-273-8300.

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